

THE WAR.

AMERICA AND SPAIN.

AN AMERICAN REVERSE.

AMMUNITION FOR THE CUBAN INSURGENTS.

THE MISSING PICKETS SAFE.

LONDON, June 14.

Reports received at New York state that the armoured cruiser Texas and the cruiser Marblehead made another attack on Guantanamo and were defeated.

Admiral Sampson's fleet is reported to have largely supplied the insurgents with ammunition.

The advance pickets at Guantanamo, which were stated to be missing after the recent guerrilla engagement, are safe.

THE CADIZ FLEET.

LONDON, June 14.

The Lepanto, a new cruiser, has joined the Spanish reserve fleet which is now stationed at Cadiz under Admiral Camara.

The Lepanto, which is constructed of steel, has a hull of 1,000 tons, and is armed with four 12 in. Howitzers, two 6 in. Howitzers, and two 4 in. Howitzers.

She has a complement of 450 men, and a speed of 20 knots.

THE WRECK OF THE FIDO.

ANOTHER ADDITION TO THE LOSSES IN THE MAY GALE.

Since the storm of the 5th last month there have been added to the list of vessels wrecked in the Fido, the ship of the same name, which was wrecked on the 12th inst.

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SPECIAL CABLES.

FROM THE "HERALD'S" LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

THE NEW GUINEA LAND CONCESSION.

NEW SOUTH WALES AND VICTORIA FROST.

LONDON, June 14.

Sir Daniel Cooper, Acting Agent-General for New South Wales, and Sir Andrew Clarke, Agent-General for Victoria, have each protested to the Colonial Office against granting the concession to the New Guinea Land Syndicate.

THE ANNEXATION OF HAWAII.

LONDON, June 14.

The "Standard" states that the United States Senate obstructs the annexation of Hawaii; it is believed that President McKinley will not act on his own initiative and annex the territory.

THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF CANADA.

HIS FAREWELL TO THE PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, June 14.

The Earl of Aberdeen, who is about to resign the Governor-Generalship of Canada, said in the course of his farewell speech to the Parliament of the Dominion, that during his term of office he had witnessed the springing up of improved relations between Canada and the United States. Owing to those improved relations great benefits would accrue, and the result would be the settlement of irritating questions.

THE SOUTH WALES COLLIERS.

AN APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF TRADE.

LONDON, June 14.

The authorities in South Wales have again appealed to Mr. C. T. Ritchie, President of the Board of Trade, to intervene between the coalmine owners and the miners who are on strike.

SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PROGRESS OF VICTORIA.

LORD BRASSEY AT THE COLONIAL INSTITUTE.

LONDON, June 15.

Lord Brassey, Governor of Victoria, read a paper at the Colonial Institute last night upon the "Social and Political Progress of Victoria."

Australasia's naval vessel to Imperial defence, he said, was comparatively a drop in the ocean. The question for consideration was whether the co-operation of the colonies was most effectual in its present form.

Lord Brassey suggested that Australia's exceptional facilities for raising mounted rifle corps ought to be utilised in the defence of the Empire, especially with regard to Cape Colony and India. He thought the matter was one well worthy of consideration by the responsible authorities. He expressed his admiration of the efforts of colonial statesmen in attempting to achieve the federation of Australia.

In the discussion that followed the reading of the paper Dr. Cockburn, Agent-General for South Australia, said he was hopeful of the prospects of federation in Australia.

ASCOT SUMMER MEETING.

THE GOLD VASE.

WON BY THE RUSH.

LONDON, June 14.

The Ascot Summer Meeting opened to-day, when the race for the principal event resulted as under:

Her Majesty, with 200 sovs., gave for the winner, and 100 sovs. in specie for the second, added to a sweepstakes of 20 sovs. each. For three-year-olds, 7 lb; four lb; five lb, six lb, and seven lb; eight lb; nine lb; ten lb; eleven lb; twelve lb; thirteen lb; fourteen lb; fifteen lb; sixteen lb; seventeen lb; eighteen lb; nineteen lb; twenty lb; twenty-one lb; twenty-two lb; twenty-three lb; twenty-four lb; twenty-five lb; twenty-six lb; twenty-seven lb; twenty-eight lb; twenty-nine lb; thirty lb; thirty-one lb; thirty-two lb; thirty-three lb; thirty-four lb; thirty-five lb; thirty-six lb; thirty-seven lb; thirty-eight lb; thirty-nine lb; forty lb; forty-one lb; forty-two lb; forty-three lb; forty-four lb; forty-five lb; forty-six lb; forty-seven lb; forty-eight lb; forty-nine lb; fifty lb; fifty-one lb; fifty-two lb; fifty-three lb; fifty-four lb; fifty-five lb; fifty-six lb; fifty-seven lb; fifty-eight lb; fifty-nine lb; sixty lb; sixty-one lb; sixty-two lb; sixty-three lb; sixty-four lb; sixty-five lb; sixty-six lb; sixty-seven lb; sixty-eight lb; sixty-nine lb; seventy lb; seventy-one lb; seventy-two lb; seventy-three lb; seventy-four lb; seventy-five lb; seventy-six lb; seventy-seven lb; seventy-eight lb; seventy-nine lb; eighty lb; eighty-one lb; eighty-two lb; eighty-three lb; eighty-four lb; eighty-five lb; eighty-six lb; eighty-seven lb; eighty-eight lb; eighty-nine lb; ninety lb; ninety-one lb; ninety-two lb; ninety-three lb; ninety-four lb; ninety-five lb; ninety-six lb; ninety-seven lb; ninety-eight lb; ninety-nine lb; one hundred lb.

The Hon. T. R. Dickson has addressed a long letter to the South Australian Government regarding the recent arrival of Chinese immigrants from the Northern Territory in a destitute condition. The letter pointed out that there are a considerable number of others reported coming, and Mr. Dickson requested the Government to take steps to prevent the influx of Chinese from Port Darwin into Queensland, and in consequence of the Chinese Immigration Restriction Act of 1888.

TASMANIA.

HOBART, Wednesday.

The Executive Council has amended the regulations of the Tasmanian Agricultural and Pastoral Society, and has decided to award a gold medal to the winner of the Tasmanian Agricultural and Pastoral Society competition.

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SECOND EDITION.

LATEST WAR NEWS.

THE CADIZ FLEET.

AN AMERICAN ATTACK PROBABLE.

LONDON, June 15.

A number of the swiftest warships of the American navy are assembling at Hampton Roads, Virginia.

There is an impression that an attack on Admiral Camara's fleet at Cadiz, Spain, is contemplated.

GERMANY AND THE PHILIPPINES.

LONDON, June 15.

The German newspapers, in referring to the presence of a German fleet in Philippine waters, imply that Admiral Dietrich's demonstration at Manila will result in the acquisition of a harbour in the Philippines.

THE FAR EAST.

OPERATIONS IN CHINA.

EXTRAORDINARY RUSSIAN ACTIVITY.

IMPORTANT STRATEGIC RAILWAY.

LONDON, June 15.

The Russian activity at Peking is reported to be extraordinary.

Russia has obtained the right to construct a railway from far south of Peking into the Yangtze watershed. From that point the Belgians, working under French and Russian patronage, will continue the line across the Yangtze Valley. French operations will start from Tonkin and will meet the Belgians. The whole will form a complete barrier across the Yangtze Valley.

It has been further agreed that China shall only employ Russian military instructors in the Shanai Province.

POLITICAL SITUATION IN FRANCE.

RECONSTRUCTION OF THE CABINET EXPECTED.

LONDON, June 15.

In the French Chamber of Deputies last night M. Meunier, the Premier, refused to accept a resolution moved by the Radicals pledging the Government to exclusively rely upon a Republican majority for the execution of Democratic reforms.

The resolution in question was carried by a majority of 50, whereupon the Premier agreed to accept it amid cheers from the Extreme Left and cries of "Resign."

It is expected that M. Meunier will reconstruct the Cabinet, eliminating General Billot, Minister for War, Admiral Boreau, Minister for Marine, and M. A. Rambaud, Minister for Public Instruction.

BRITISH TREATY WITH CHINA.

TREATY RIGHTS TO BE MAINTAINED.

LONDON, June 15.

